

## Ames safety week kicks off with VPP STAR recertification

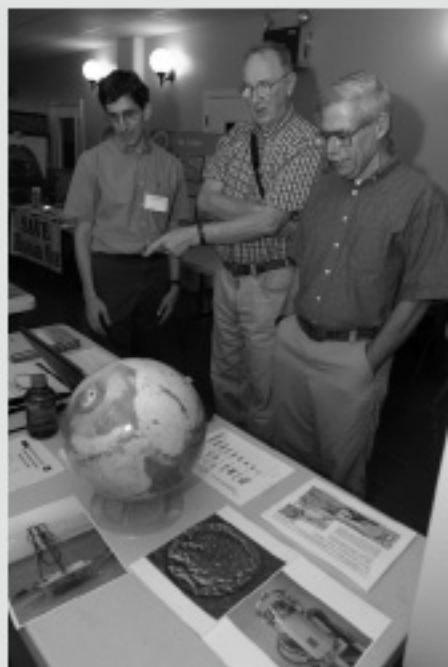


Ames Safety Week, Sept. 19-22, featured a number of programs and training opportunities to increase employee safety awareness. The week began with a celebration of Ames' achievement of VPP recertification at the STAR level for maintaining an excellent safety and health program. In recognition of the accomplishment, Occupational Health and Safety Organization (OSHA) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) manager Pauline Caraher presented a plaque to Ames center management and employee union representatives. Left to right: NASA Ames Deputy Center Director (acting) Steven Zornetzer, Suzanne Meyer, Christopher Knight, Pauline Caraher, Michael Dudley, chief, Safety, Environmental and Mission Assurance Office and Dora Herrera.

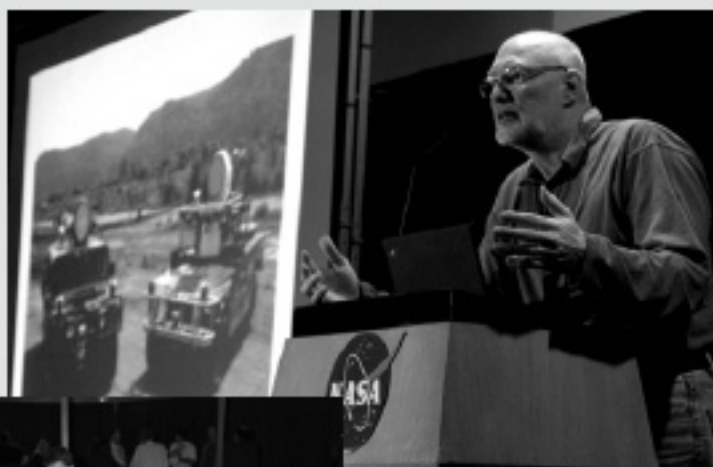
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## NASA Research Park event highlights robotics

The NASA Research Park (NRP) Division hosted an open house and NRP lecture at Ames on Sept. 20. The well-attended open house included exhibits from a variety of NRP partners and robotics demonstrations from NASA's Robotics Alliance Project and Carnegie Mellon University's West Coast Campus.



Guests at the NRP open house enjoy the exhibits.



NASA photos by Dominic Hart

"Red" Whittaker describes the Grand Challenge race to be run Oct. 8.



Students demonstrate speedy, student-built robots.

The NRP lecture, presented to a standing-room-only crowd, featured famed robotics expert, Dr. William "Red" Whittaker, who discussed 'Racing for the Future,' his team's efforts to win the \$2 million DARPA Grand Challenge Prize.